

Bill Hilliard
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By Hilliard
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, This 24th day of May, 1971, is the birthday of a remarkable freshman Representative who has been called the "most handsome devil in Fort Worth," a man who has more gimmicks up his sleeve than you'd find anywhere on a magician, a true politician who feels it is his "duty" to make every breakfast, luncheon, cocktail party or dinner sponsored by lobbyists or legislative delegations; it's the 55th birthday of the Sunday School superintendent at Sagamore Hill Baptist Church--the Honorable Bill Hilliard; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hilliard really lives by his motto: "I believe you ought to be nice to people. . . then they'll be nice to you," and it's not at all hard to be friendly with this big, boyish-looking "country boy who has come to town" with a grin and a handshake; he exudes flattery with a distinct Southern drawl and knows everybody in Tarrant County--given another month, he'll know everybody in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Hilliard's preparation for the Legislature includes a career in the hard-as-nails sales business: he has sold coffee in New Orleans, been a Fuller Brush Man, and thrives on 21 years of selling insurance in Fort Worth; he decided to run for office because he feels that Texans need more business people in the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, He moves at a tireless pace around the Capitol--a pace he set in Fort Worth while attending Southern Methodist University, serving as lieutenant governor of the Texas-Oklahoma District of the Kiwanis Club, and being president of the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Farm; and

WHEREAS, When he got to Austin, Bill Hilliard was one of the happiest of the freshmen exploring the workings of state government; he enjoys the glamor of the Legislature, but he's also impressed with his responsibilities to his constituents, and he's learned "... there are some things you go along with to get people to go along with you"; and

WHEREAS, When Speaker Gus Mutscher picked Bill Hilliard to serve on a committee to escort former British Prime Minister J. Harold Wilson, President Lyndon Johnson, the Governor, and the Lieutenant Governor into the House for a joint session, he said, "I was thrilled! It was one of the highlights of my stay here, one of the most exciting things of my life"; and

WHEREAS, "Honey Boy," as he is frequently called, has come a long way from Martin, Tennessee, since 1916: he's now known to be an authority on everything and one who takes advantage of every situation; there's no telling where he's liable to go in his next 55 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 62nd Legislature hereby congratulate an outstanding rookie Representative, the Honorable Bill Hilliard, upon his 55th birthday; and, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be
2 prepared for Representative Hilliard in token of the high esteem
3 of his fellow Members for his distinguished abilities and
4 refreshing good humor.
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Thomas Hallinan
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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BY

William A. Se

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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

congratulating Representative Bill Hilliard on 55th birthday.

DATE MAY 24 1971
READ AND ADOPTED William A. Se
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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